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BMC China Lake OIC Promises Great Customer Service

By Kathi Ramont, Associate Editor
The Rocketeer, China Lake NAWCWPNS

With great customer service... that's how we're going to run this clinic," Lieutenant Commander Scott Archer, the Branch Clinic's new officer in charge, stated recently. "I want this clinic to be the primary choice for its patients," he added. "Not because they have to come, but because they want to come here." LCDR Archer reported to China Lake in August.

That great customer service includes health promotional programs for women and calling to remind people of appointments so there will be fewer no-shows. "The quality of care we give is my number one goal," he stressed. "Having access to medical care for our patients and working the cost concerns will be my job as OIC."

Procedural changes LCDR Archer wants to see include bringing medicine to the squadrons. That would mean instead of everyone having to come into the clinic for inoculations, the inoculations will come to them at the workplace.

LCDR Archer said that two new military doctors are scheduled to arrive soon at the clinic. A general medicine doctor will join the staff in September and a family practitioner will be here in January. TRICARE-eligible patients (not active duty) will be able to see a civilian board-certified doctor on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The new OIC said he's really interested in customer feedback and wants to hear both good and bad experiences. "Often we only hear from a patient if something goes wrong," he said. He said he will take any complaints seriously and all will be addressed.



LCDR Scott Archer, MSC, USN

LCDR Archer's first tours as a Hospital Corpsman were with Naval Hospital

Bremerton and the First Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton. He then moved on to Naval Medical Clinic, Seattle, where, during off duty hours, he completed a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from Columbia College in 1985. Upon graduation he applied for a commission in the Medical Service Corps and was selected for ensign.

After attending Officer Indoctrination School in Newport, R.I., LCDR Archer was assigned to Naval Hospital Okinawa. Upon completion of his tour in 1989, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, from where he earned a master's of science degree in management with a subspecialty in manpower, personnel and training analysis.

He was then assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D.C. In March 1992 he was selected by the director of Medical Service Corps to join his staff. In June 1995 he reported to the USNS Hospital Ship *Mercy* as the director for administration/assistant officer in charge.

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1998 Navy Ball set for Laughlin, NV Oct. 17

This year's Navy Ball is scheduled to be held at the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada on Saturday, October 17 starting at 5 p.m.

Uniform for this event is Service Dress Blue with miniature ribbons, or Dinner Mess. For civilians dress is Semi-formal (Sunday best or better).

Guest Speaker for this event is BMC James E. Williams, Medal of Honor recipient and most decorated enlisted Sailor, whose story was recently depicted in *All Hands* magazine.

Dinner will be a buffet including Prime Rib, Chicken Wellington and Vegetarian Lasagna. Cocktails will be served from 5 to 6 p.m., dinner will be served from 6 to 8 p.m., with dancing to follow until 1 a.m.

Teenagers, 13 years-old and up are allowed to attend this year's Navy Ball. Child care services will be provided during the event. The cost is \$2 per child per hour. Parents are expected to provide diapers, baby wipes, formula and bottles. Space availability is limited to

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The HEAR is here, have you heard?

The Health Enrollment Assessment Review (HEAR) is a self-reported assessment tool designed to provide information regarding an individual's health risk factors and preventive care needs. These are reported to both the individual and their primary care manager (PCM). The HEAR is part of the phased implementation for Put Prevention into Practice, a national campaign developed to improve the delivery of clinical preventive services, including immunizations, screenings, and health counseling.

The HEAR survey represents the current best practice in health assessment. It was initially developed for use in TRICARE Regions Four and Six by the Air Force's Office for Prevention and Health Services Assessment (OPHSA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Battelle Memorial Institute. A scientific development process was used to develop the survey, algorithms, and associated computer software. Virtually all questions on the survey were taken from proven, validated, national health survey instruments. This process greatly enhanced validation and testing procedures and endured data comparability to previously administered surveys.

The HEAR survey has been implemented for TRICARE Prime family members, 17 years old and above, who have selected Naval

Hospital Twentynine Palms as their PCM. Active duty members aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center can expect the survey to be administered in their unit over the next three months. The survey can be completed in about 20 minutes and is in module format. The survey questions provide data on:

- Demographics
- Physical activity
- Men's health
- Cholesterol
- Alcohol
- Mental health
- Activity limitations
- Life satisfaction/family conflict
- Blood pressure
- Women's health
- Smoking
- Preventive issues
- Stress
- Absenteeism
- Medical care
- Chronic conditions

Data elements from the HEAR survey are entered into a database (generally by scanning). Algorithms are run against the data and reports are generated for multiple users. The following reports can be generated:

- **The Patient Report Card:** a concise

report addressing the individual's currency for recommended preventive services, health risk factors, and chronic disease history.

- **The Primary Care Manager (PCM) Report:** provides information shown on the Patient Report Card, as well as an assessment of the selected risk factors, predictions for resource utilization, suggested care level, and any missing or incomplete information from the HEAR survey.

- **The PCM Panel Report:** a comprehensive picture of the individuals on each PCM's panel. It identifies the number of smokers, hypertensives, immunization, etc., by PCM.

- **Ad Hoc/Custom Reports:** generated for health promoters, PCM's, commanders, and health care planners at all levels to support the unique objectives of an organization.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the HEAR survey please contact LCDR Cheryl Richardson at 830-2197.

From The Desk of the Commanding General...

Helping People

Helping People is a tradition that has long been the standard for Marines, Sailors and Federal civilian employees. The Combined Federal Campaign is an excellent tool that gives us the power to choose which agencies receive our aid. Our contributions help support local, national and international charitable organizations that directly benefit human health and welfare.

By supporting our 1998 campaign, you have an outstanding opportunity to take an active part in lending a helping hand to the many different charitable organizations that serve our communities. Contributions can be made in the form of cash, check, or payroll deduction. Through your generous support, our community can be a better place to work, play and raise our families. You can make a difference! Support our Combined Federal Campaign.



Brigadier General C.L. Stanley
Commanding General
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center

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Chaplain's Corner...

Prophetic Prayer

By Lieutenant Daniel Dudley, CHC, USNR
Naval Hospital Chaplain

As your Command Chaplain, I want you to know how much I appreciate the article, cartoons, and humorous stories, that you find uplifting and pass a long for my edification. That is one of the many perks of my wonderful job.

Last week Eric Cruse gave me a prayer that I thought I would pass on to you. The prayer was aired on Paul Harvey's radio show and is now one of his most requested he has ever used. The prayer was offered on January 23, 1996, before the Kansas state legislature by Rev. Joe Wright, pastor of Central Christian (nondenominational) Church in Wichita, Kansas. According to Harvey, when this courageous Pastor offered the invocation, "he told God on them".

The following is Pastor Wright's prayer:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says woe to those who call evil good but that's exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word in the name of moral pluralism. We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative life-style. We exploited the poor and called it lottery. We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. In the name of choice we have killed our unborn. In the name of right to life we have killed abortionists. We have neglected the discipline of our children and called it building esteem. We have abused power and called it political savvy. We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and call it taxes. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Try us and show us any wicked way in us. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas and who

have been ordained by you to govern this great state. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. I ask in the name of your Son, the living Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."

As the pastor finished the prayer, three members jumped to their feet and indignantly shouted, "he can't talk like that!" One of the Representatives called the prayer "gross, divisive, sanctimonious, and overbearing." The other Rep. Called it "blasphemous and ignorant."

Today as in the days of old, one truth still remains, speaking as a Prophet or in Gods behalf is not always politically correct.



Lieutenant Daniel Dudley

And now you know the rest of the story.
Good day!

Hail and Farewell...

Welcome Aboard

LCDR S. Allen	HN L. Castro
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LT B. Wilson	HM3 J. Raby
ENS M. Reny	HM1 E. Quiboloy
CAPT D. Freer	HN M. Codd
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Letters...

Thankful for staff Dear Captain Huber,

I am writing this letter to you to tell how thankful I am for your staff at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms.

I suffered a severe injury to my left arm on May 16 due to an automobile accident. It has taken three surgeries to try and repair the damage done to it. Between the second and third surgeries, I required dressing changes and wound care. Because the doctor who operated on it was based in Palm Springs and I needed the changes twice a day, the Family Practice Clinic said that it would be 'alright' to come to the hospital to get it taken care of.

Dr. Larcombe, LT Gertsch, and the staff in the clinic were just wonderful to me. They treated me with more respect and kindness than I could ever imagine. The hospital as well as the military community are very fortunate to have them working here.

Farewell

CDR J. Cowan	HM2 S. Curry
CAPT L. Robinson	HM3 C. Snyder
LT J. Murray	HM2 J. Womack
LCDR K. Andersen	HM3 V. Salinas
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LTJG M. Labossiere	HM1 P. Lipichok
CAPT K. Koskella	HM3 M. Perich
MS2 J. Stendalen	HN L. Bellotte
	HMC A. Holmes

New Family Members

Larry and Ma. Concepcion R. Romero Fairfield are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jessica Laura Fairfield who was born at Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms at 9:42 a.m. on July 30, 1998. Jessica weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and measured 18.6 inches at birth.

I'd also like to thank everyone in the Pharmacy Dept., as they've also gone way above the norm to treat me with the same kindness and respect as the Family Practice clinic has.

I'm going back East for awhile but I'm reassured in knowing that when I return, I will still be able to have Dr. Larcombe as my physician.

Again, a heartfelt thank you and appreciation to everyone at Naval Hospital
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National Celebration of Nurse-Midwifery Week Highlights Knowledgeable Choices in Health Care

Highlighting the importance of patient education, more than 6,500 certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) across the United States will be observing National Nurse-Midwifery Week this October 4th - 10th by encouraging women to "consider their options" when making decisions about health care.

"Nurse-midwives have traditionally offered their patients a personalized and attentive approach to women's health care," noted Executive Director of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, Deanne Williams, CNM, MS, FACNM. "It makes sense that as a group we would work hand-in-hand with our patients to provide them with the information necessary to make informed decisions." Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms currently has four nurse-midwives on staff, CDR Karen Rushford, CDR (sel) Gina-Marie Pearce, Regina Miller and Jennifer Griffin.

Coinciding with this year's celebration is the publication of the first in a series of ACNM brochures focusing on consumer education issues, including topical information on many women's health issues. The series is being funded in part through a grant from Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical and debuts with the brochure, "Making Decisions About Birth Control."

Certified nurse-midwives are licensed health care practitioners educated in the two disciplines of nursing and midwifery. They provide primary care for all women including prenatal care, labor and delivery management, care after birth, gynecological care, newborn care, assistance with family planning, preconception care, menopausal management and counseling in health maintenance and disease prevention.

A recent report from the National Center for Health Statistics shows the number of births attended by certified nurse-midwives rose in 1996 for the 21st consecutive year, while, conversely, the overall number of births declined for the sixth straight year. Another significant study just published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health found, after controlling for certain risk factors, the infant mortality rate to be 19 percent lower for nurse-midwife attended, in-hospital births than for those attended by MDs and DOs.

"It is an exciting time for our profession," declared ACNM's Williams. "As educated

health care consumers, women are now seeing the benefits of choosing a provider who, along with being certified on a national level, is able to offer them personal care in a collaborative environment. Women want to take control of their health and their bodies, not only during pregnancy but throughout their lives. Certified nurse-midwives offer them that option."

The hospital's nurse-midwives will be presenting a panel discussion of their background and unique experiences for the medical staff during Nurse-Midwifery Week.

For more information on midwifery, or National Nurse-Midwifery Week, call ACNM at (202) 728-9876, or visit its Web site at www.midwife.org. Staff or patients can also contact one of the hospital's nurse-midwives.

October is Child Health Month

By LT Lynelle Boamah, MC, USNR
Naval Hospital Pediatrics Department

October has been designated by the American Academy of Pediatrics as Child Health Month.

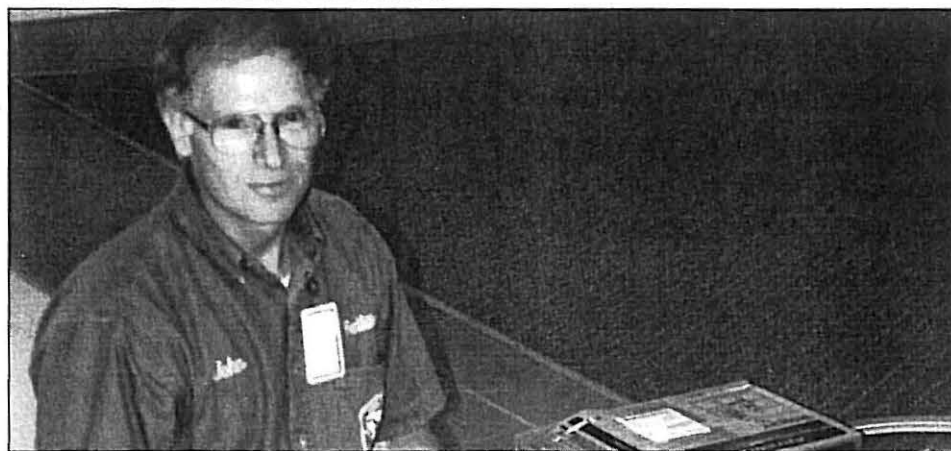
Each year Pediatricians and the Academy focus attention on a public health issue affecting children and adolescents. This year the focus is on alcohol awareness and the prevention of its potentially dangerous side effects.

Alcohol is the most socially accepted substance in our society and also one of the most abused. Did you know that the average age when youth first try alcohol is 11 years-old for boys and 13 years-old for girls? Alcohol use impairs judgement and increases the likelihood of teens using illicit drugs or engaging in risky behavior. A recent study showed that more than 43 percent of young people who began drinking before age 14, later became alcoholics. It is very important that we talk with our teens about alcohol.

Use of alcohol during pregnancy can cause Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, a condition that leads to physical and mental birth defects. Even one drink during pregnancy can cause adverse effects on the unborn baby.

During Child Health Month, fact sheets on alcohol awareness for teens and parent information sheets will be available in the Pediatrics clinic. We also have information on Fetal Alcohol syndrome. Please feel free to stop by and pick up some of these materials.

A Craftsman's Touch...



John Traynor of Facilities Maintenance uses his craftsman's touch to keep the hospital in good shape. In this case John replaces some cracked tiles on the Quarter-deck.

Marines Fight Battle of the Bottle

Corps Commandant Issues Call for Temperance, discipline

By Rowan Scarborough
The Washington Times

General Charles Krulak, Marine Corps Commandant, has told his top generals he isn't the "Baptist Landing Team" when he lectures the Corps on morals.

Instead, he is just a military leader trying to reduce alcohol abuse, instill discipline in the barracks and make Marines "proud of yourselves."

The comments were among official notes of a three-day summit last month the four-star officer hosted with three-star generals who run the Marines' major commands.

"Why can't we regulate it?" General Krulak asked his generals during his lecture on alcohol, according to the notes, a copy of which was obtained by the Washington Times.

"We shouldn't feel somehow we're Nazis. We're not Nazis. We're saving lives. I'm not running the Baptist Landing Team. This has nothing to do with religion. It's because we're killing them... Get your hands around their throats. Where we own something, by God it's ours."

The three-day conference at Xerox headquarters in Virginia featured vintage Krulak observations. A born-again Christian whose mission is to shape up the Corps morally and operationally, General Krulak lectured on alcohol, messy barracks, the Corps' popularity nationwide and its role as paragon for foreign militaries.

"These kids are immature. They think they are bulletproof, nothing can hurt them," he told the generals. "Keep them on base. Keep them occupied."

A senior Marine officer, who asked not to be named, said General Krulak's reference to the "Baptist Landing Team" was tacit acknowledgment that some Marines believe he is "overly religious."

"He feels he has to qualify some of his remarks by saying they're not his religious views, they're his military views," this officer said.

General Krulak gained the moniker of "Baptist Landing Team" while leading a battalion in Hawaii after he had found Christ as a major attending war college.

The Commandant's other observations at the July retreat:

- "Take back control of what's happening in the barracks... The rooms belong to commanders. I want your Marines living together. Then I want their leaders in their rooms." The remarks were part of the commandant's campaign to end excessive drinking in barracks and convince enlisted personnel to clean up their rooms.

- "Our strength on the Hill and with the American people is based on the standards we're holding. We're holding firm... Don't back away from our standards. They are good, not bad. The American people expect this of our Marines... Our standards. The American people love us for that."

General Krulak has led an anti-political-correctness movement, arguing against women in land combat and against any relaxation in the law against adultery. He also has defended the branch against a charge by a former Army official that Marines are "extremists."

- "Stop digging into your base operating funds and buy computers. Spend it where it was supposed to be spent. The backlog in repairs on our bases is almost 200 years. You don't go buy an Uzi and put it in your armory. Don't buy systems you don't need."

- "Everyone is looking to the Corps now among the foreign nations... On Capitol Hill we had one of our best years. We all spoke with one voice and because of our unity in approach we are going to come out of this process with money... Inside the building, we're respected for our honesty, our stands."

A Marine official at the Pentagon, who asked not to be named, said General Krulak is concerned that too many personnel view the Corps as a 9-to-5 job and think they can misbehave once back in their rooms in the barracks.

"He thinks Marine leaders need to get back into the barracks," the official said. "It used to be you were a Marine 24 hours a day. We kind of lost this."

Now in the last year of his four-year Commandancy, General Krulak promised his generals: "I'm not going to slow down over the next 11 months... I'm still going to be hooking and jabbing."

To Whom This May Concern

This little note is in reference to the handicap stall in the "Head". I have seen on numerous occasions hospital staff (who are not handicapped) using these stalls when there are other stalls available. Have you ever been standing in the restroom when someone who does have a disability comes into the restroom in a wheel chair and they have to wait on someone who does not have a disability to "walk" out of the "handicap" stall? As you probably can imagine, this would definitely be an awkward moment.

Please be considerate of those who may not have the same abilities as you. Remember, this is a hospital, so the probability that there will be someone who may need to use that stall is a lot higher than in most work environments. We are to show the patients a caring and compassionate atmosphere.

Thank You,
YN3 Rodriguez

Are You Wearing Your Sunglasses?

The Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms, Captain J.M. Huber is proud to announce new sunlens services at the hospital. The head of the optometry department, LT Luis Perez, will implement the new service beginning Nov. 2nd.

Active duty personnel and retirees aboard the Combat Center will be able to drop off any government issue eyewear with clear prescription plastic lenses, including frame of choice spectacles and within one to five working days pickup the spectacles at the optometry department with a standard dark grey tint.

The use of sunglasses is a readiness, eye safety and quality of life issue. Sunglasses enable Marines and Sailors to better execute their mission in a hostile desert environment of wind, sand and intense sun. Sunglasses provide adequate protection against UV light which can cause solar keratitis (a potentially sight threatening condition of the eye) and contribute to the development of cataracts.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the optometry department LPO HM3 Christina Hunt at 2108.

TRICARE News...

How To Get Help In Solving TRICARE Problems

You're not happy. Maybe you called a TRICARE service center, and the person who answered the phone gave you incorrect information. Or, maybe your TRICARE Prime primary care manager referred you to a specialist who's not in the Prime network, and the claims processor handled the resulting claims as a more-ex-

pensive "point-of-service" claim.

Or, maybe you went to a provider who you thought was authorized to render care under TRICARE Standard, only to find out afterward that the contractor hadn't processed the provider's certification request in a timely fashion. Result: You got care from an "unauthorized" provider -- and now the government won't pay any of the bills.

There are other kinds of problems that can occur -- lost claims, incorrect processing, and so forth. But the bottom line is, you've got a complaint -- so what should you do about it? Speak up. Let someone know what the problem is.

One place to start is your nearest TRICARE service center (TSC), with whose staff members you can discuss the problem, or possibly file a grievance. TRICARE contractors have established TSCs throughout the regions they serve, and TSC staffers may be able to help you resolve the problem at

that level, with only a phone call on your part. Depending on the problem, you might want to write a letter instead of phoning, so a paper record of your attempts to resolve the difficulty will be established. Include all documents that are relevant to the problem -- and be sure to keep copies of everything for your own records.

If your efforts at the TSC level fail, try writing a letter to the contractor's headquarters. Explain the problem, and state what sort of resolution you'd like to see.

Another option -- if you live near a uniformed services medical facility -- is to raise unresolved issues with the service hospital's point of contact. Military hospitals welcome the chance to work with TRICARE contractors and help get TRICARE issues resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

If other means fail, you may call or write the TRICARE Management Activity's (TMA) Benefit Services office, in Aurora, Colo. Staff members in this office are government employees.

You can reach TMA's Benefit Services office by phone at (303) 676-3526. Or, write to them at: TRICARE Management Activity, Benefit Services Branch, 16401 E. Centretex Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9043. Again, be sure to include copies of all documents that are relevant to your problem... and make sure you keep either copies or originals of each document for your own records.

LETTERS...

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*Sincerely,
Margaret Barber*

Excellent Care

Dear Captain Huber,

I would just like to take a moment of your time to recognize the excellent care that I received from the staff of the Emergency Room on September 7, 1998. The efficient and professional attitude of all the personnel there that day made me feel comfortable and assured. I would especially like to thank Dr. Grubbs and LTJG Diehl for their concern while treating me. As a retired Navy Petty officer, I am always impressed by the quality of care I receive when I come to Naval Hospital Twentynine Palms. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Milbourn, USN Retired

Outstanding Professionalism

Dear Captain Huber,

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding professionalism of LT Karen Hulbert of the Family Practice Clinic. I am currently taking classes to complete my Bachelors of Nursing degree through California State University, Dominguez Hills.

One of my classes required practical application with a proctor. Despite her busy schedule, Dr. Hulbert graciously agreed to assist me with my class. The time that I spent with LT Hulbert has been invaluable to my education and has made a lasting impression on me about the high quality of people in Navy Medicine. Dr. Hulbert is a wonderful, dedicated clinician and an invaluable asset to your command.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Ann McCoy

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From there he moved to Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, where he was briefly assigned as head of operating management and then spent the majority of his tour as the managed care officer and director for administration.

His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal with one star, Navy Achievement Medal with two stars, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon with two stars, Expert Rifle Medal and the Expert Pistol Medal.

LCDR Archer and his wife Kim, have known each other since they went to high school in Washington state and have enjoyed several small towns in the 18 years they've been married. "Ridgecrest looks like a big city compared to some places we've lived," he said with a laugh. He has six brothers, including one in the Navy stationed at Naval Air Station Lemoore and one stationed onboard the Coast Guard's *Cow Slip* at Astoria, Ore. He also has one sister.

The China Lake branch of the Archer family includes identical twin 14-year-old daughters, Tiffany and Brandi and a son, Andy, age 9.

BALL...

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make your reservations early. Contact any member of the Navy Ball Committee at the below via e-mail for your child care reservations.

Tickets are currently for sale at the following prices: E1-E4, GS1-4, WG1-8, \$20; E5-E6, GS5, WG9-11, \$25; E7-E9, GS6, WS1-7, \$30; O1-O3, GS7-11, \$35; O4+, GS12+, \$40. Tickets are available from the following individuals: LT Santana, Occupational Health 2236; ENS Cherry, Command Suite 2351; HMC Jackson, Manpower 2651; DT1 Easterling, Dental 7054; HM2 Barron, Operating Room 2311; and SK3 Nino, Materials Management 2293.

Civilians and retirees are encouraged to join in the fun.

Hard Chargers...

CAPT. Ken Koskella, right, receives his Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT R.S. Kayler.



CAPT Leslie Robinson, above, receives a Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT J.M. Huber at her recent retirement ceremony.

CDR Mathew Offe, left, is promoted to his current rank at a recent ceremony.



The youngest and oldest MSC officers cut the cake, below, at the recent Medical Service Corps Birthday celebration. They are LT John Murray and CAPT R.S. Kayler.

LT Jodi Gardner, below, receives her Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT R.S. Kayler.



More Hard Chargers...



CAPT R.S. Kayler, left, receives his Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT J.M. Huber.



Dr. Madden, right, resource sharing physician receives a Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT R.S. Kayler.

LCDR Amir Harari, right, receives a Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT R.S. Kayler.



HN Laura Bellotte, left, receives a Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT J.M. Huber.

Mrs. Susan Tye receives a Desert Rat Certificate from CAPT J.M. Huber.



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